REQUEST **FOR**

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CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:

10/043,872

Filing Date: First Named Inventor.

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Group Art Unit:

1751

Examiner Name:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

ļ 1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
1	a.	XXXX	Previously submitted
		i. XXX	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed
			on September 2, 2004 (any unentered amendment(s)
			referred to above will be entered).
1		ii	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed
			filed on
į		iii.	Other
	b.		Enclosed
		i	Amendment/Reply
		ii	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
		iii	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449
		iv	Other_
2.	Misce	ellaneous	
	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37
			C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of
		•	suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
	<u>b.</u>	·	Other
3.	Fees	The RCE fee U	nder 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
ļ	a.	<u>XXXX</u>	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any
			overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467.
		i. <u>XXX</u>	RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
		ii. XXX	Extension of Time fee (\$110) (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
		iii.	Other
	b.	XXXX	Check in the amount of \$900.00 enclosed
	C.		Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
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October 4, 2004 Date of Signature

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Mary R. Charles NAME

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